

MINUTES

OF THE

SYNOD ^{OF} SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

ANNUAL SESSIONS

AT

COLUMBIA, S. C.,

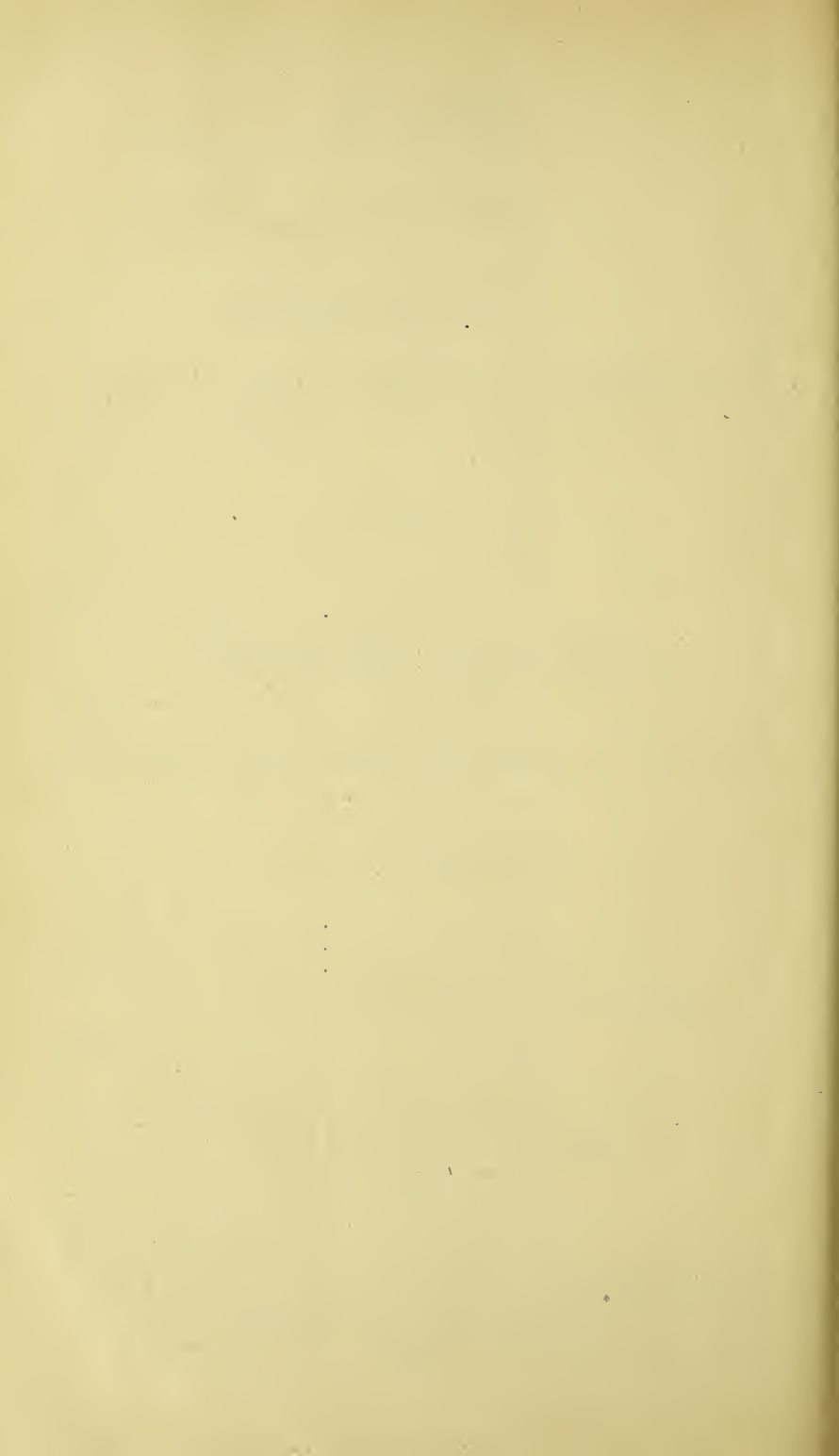
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WEDNESDAY, Nov. 2, 1881,

7:30, p. m.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. J. L. Martin, from Mark 16: 15: "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." After prayer the roll was called, and the following members were

Present.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. H. Saye,	S. Leroy Adams,	Bethel.
Jas. Douglass,	Wm. Daggers,	Catholic.
D. Harrison,	J. M. Lindsay, (2)	Olivet.
R. E. Cooper, (2)*	P. Garrison,	Ebenezer.
Jno. G. Hall,	D. McCollough,	Mt. Olivet.
Jas. S. White,	J. F. Workman,	Rock Hill.
L. R. McCormick,	F. M. Walker,	Beersheba.
G. A. Trenholm,	Jas. Hemphill, (2)	Purity.
F. L. Leeper,	W. H. Stuart,	Fort Mill.
J. C. McMullen,	J. E. Craig,	Concord.
W. W. Mills,	J. M. Lemmon,	Lebanon.
H. B. Pratt,	A. S. Douglas,	Scion.
J. L. Williamson,	G. McC. Witherspoon,	Lancasterville.
S. L. Wilson,	W. G. Smith,	Horeb.
W. G. White,	G. H. O'Leary,	Yorkville.
	W. G. Robinson,	Pleasant Grove.
	W. W. Walkup,	Tirzah

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
George Howe,	J. A. Leland,	Mt. Pleasant.
J. L. Girardeau,	E. Stenhouse,	First Church, Columbia.
Chas. S. Vedder,	W. G. Vardell,	Summerville.
J. D. A. Brown,	J. A. Enslow,	Zion, (Glebe Street.)
G. R. Brackett, (2)	Jno. Couant,	Port Royal.
J. R. Dow,		
Jas. E. Fogartie,		
Jos. B. Mack,		
Thos. P. Hay,		
J. L. Stevens,		
F. Jacobs,		
S. H. Hay,		
R. A. Mickle,		

*The numbers indicate the day of enrollment of members who were tardy.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
C. B. Stewart,	D. T. Copeland,	Duncan's Creek.
Z. L. Holmes,	D. R. Anderson,	Fairview.
R. H. Reid,	W. A. Harrison,	Nazareth.
A. A. James,	H. F. Means,	Fair Forest.
T. H. Law,	C. E. Fleming,	Spartanburg.
W. P. Jacobs,	S. D. Glenn,	Friendship.
A. P. Nicholson,	L. J. Duvall,	Rocky Spring.
R. H. Nall,	J. Adams,	Washington Street.
B. G. Clifford, (2)	J. B. Steedman,	Unionville.
J. Y. Fair,	C. W. Tune,	Laurens C. H.
C. L. Stewart,	Thos. Stenhouse,	Piedmont.
	Williams Wright,	Lisbon.
	J. L. Stoddard,	New Harmony.
	F. W. Eison,	Grindall Shoals.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. Leighton Wilson,	B. F. Jones,	Beaver Creek.
J. G. Richards,	S. N. Richards,	Liberty Hill.
Jas. McDowell,	J. E. Davis, (3)	Manning.
J. E. Dunlop,	J. A. Buddin, (2)	Lynchburg.
E. H. Buist, (2)	A. McQueen, (2)	Cheraw.
N. W. Edmunds,	J. D. Blanding,	Sumter.
Robt. Bradley,	E. Clarke, (2)	Pisgah.
C. E. Chichester,	A. McCaskill,	Pine Tree.
J. S. Cozby,	G. H. Cooper,	Mt. Zion.
	J. A. Salter,	Union.
W. C. Smith,	W. J. Durant,	New Harmony.
H. G. Gilland,	R. C. McFadden,	Concord.
R. D. Perry,	N. R. Cousar,	Midway.
J. G. Law,	J. J. James, (2)	Darlington.
E. G. Smith,	J. D. McCall,	Hopewell.
A. M. Sale,	A. M. Kennedy,	Camden.
H. B. S. Garriss, (2)	J. T. McNeel (2)	Beulah.
	I. W. Bradley,	Salem.
	Hugh Wilson, (2)	Mayesville.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. B. Adger, (2)	C. L. Hollingsworth (2)	New Pickens.
E. F. Hyde,		
W. F. Pearson,	A. Stevenson,	Greenville.
J. R. Riley, (2)	A. G. Cochrane,	Upper Long Cane.
H. McLees	J. C. Boggs,	Carmel.
J. L. Martin,	R. H. Wardlaw,	Abbeville.
D. E. Frierson,	A. B. Towers,	Anderson.
R. A. Fair,	L. M. Speers,	Aveleigh.
T. C. Ligon,	H. D. Boozer,	Smyrna.
R. C. Ligon,	J. O. Turnipseed,	Mt. Bethel.
S. L. Morris,		
E. P. Davis,		
H. C. Fennel,	W. C. Sherard,	Rocky River.

Ministers Absent and Churches not Represented.**BETHEL PRESBYTERY.**

Ministers.—S. L. Watson,* L. W. Curtis, J. H. Douglas, J. L. Wilson, W. W. Ratchford, J. W. Queery, J. W. Spratt, T. R. English, R. F. Taylor, W. T. Matthews.

*Excused for absence.

Churches.—Allison Creek, Bethesda, Bethshiloh, Bullock's Creek, Carmel Hill, Cedar Shoal, Douglass, Fishing Creek, Harmony, Hopewell, Mizpeh, Shiloh, Six Mile Creek, Waxhaw, Zion, Aimwell, Salem, Ramah, Clover.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—Edward Palmer,* Thos. H. Legare, J. B. Dunwody,* W. F. Junkin,*

Churches.—Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Beech Island, Charleston Central, Charleston 2nd Church, Ebenezer, Edisto, Harmony, James' Island, John's Island and Wadmalaw, New Wappetaw, Orangeburg, Stoney Creek, Walterboro', Wilton, Langley.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—J. S. Bailey, A. L. Miller, H. T. Morton.

Churches.—Antioch, Bethany, Cane Creek, Clinton, Enoree, Liberty Spring, Limestone, Little River, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Tabor (G.) Mt. Tabor (U.) Mt. Vernon, North Pacolet, Old Fields, Salem, Shady Grove, Woodruffs.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—Wm. Brearley, W. M. Reid, J. A. Cousar, H. M. Brearley, W. A. Gregg, D. McDuffie, J. L. Bartlett, H. C. DuBose, W. J. McKay, D. S. McAllister, W. T. Thompson.

Churches.—Bennettsville, Bethel, Bishopville, Brewington, Carolina, Centre Point, Elon, Fair Hope, Great Pee Dee, Hephzibah, Indiantown, Kentyre, Kingston, Little Pee Dee, Marion, Reedy Creek, Tirzah, Turkey Creek, Williamsburg, Red Bluff, Wedgefield.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—Wm. McWhorter, J. F. Gibert, Jno. McLees,* J. O. Lindsay, H. Strong, T. E. Davis, A. E. Norris, J. L. Brownlee.

Churches.—Belton, Bethel, Bethia, Centrai, Cokesbury, Edgefield, Gilder's Creek, Good Hope, Honea Path, Hopewell, Hopewell (P.) Lebanon, Little Mountain, Midway, Mt. Zion, Nazareth, Mt. Pleasant, Ninety Six, Pickens (Old.) Providence, Retreat, Richland, Roberts, Rock,* Seneca City, Varennes, Walhalla, Williamston, Willington, Ebenezer.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs was unanimously elected Moderator, and Rev. S. L. Morris Assistant Clerk.

Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer, Synod of Miss., was invited and welcomed as a corresponding member, and Rev. Dr. A. O. Darby, of the M. E. Church, South, as a visiting member.

On motion it was resolved that the morning sessions of Synod be from 9½ a. m. to 2 p. m.

A letter from Rev. S. L. Watson, rendering excuse for absence from this meeting, was read and referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence, with the understanding that all such excuses go to that Committee.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Adger rendered by letter an excuse for tardiness, which was sustained.

Rev. J. G. Richards and Elder S. N. Richards, were granted leave of absence, being summoned back home by illness in their family.

On motion, Synod adjourned till 9½ a. m. to-morrow.
Prayer by Rev. Dr. Palmer.

THURSDAY, November 3rd, 1881, 9½ a. m.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Dunlop, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following additional members appeared, rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness, and were enrolled:

Bethel Presbytery—Rev. R. E. Cooper and Elders Jas. Hemphill, Purity Church, and J. M. Lindsay, Olivet Church.

Charleston Presbytery—Rev. G. R. Brackett.

Harmony Presbytery—Rev. E. H. Buist, and Elders E. Clarke, Pisgah Church, J. A. Buddin, Lynchburg Church, J. J. James, Darlington Church, A. McQueen, Cheraw Church, and J. T. McNeel, Beulah Church.

The Moderator announced the following:

Standing Committees.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. J. L. Girardeau, and Elder E. Stenhouse.

Bills and Overtures—Rev. J. L. Martin, F. Jacobs, Jas. McDowell, and Elders P. Garrison and J. B. Steedman.

Judicial—Rev. J. S. Cozby, R. H. Reid, J. S. White, and Elders R. H. Wardlaw and J. A. Leland.

Narrative—Rev. R. H. Nall and J. C. McMullen, and Elder J. D. Blanding.

Foreign Missions—Rev. H. B. Pratt, J. G. Law, J. B. Mack and Elders C. W. Tune and H. D. Boozer.

Home Missions—Rev. F. L. Leeper, N. W. Edmunds, R. C. Ligon and Elders W. Wright and J. E. Craig.

Publication—Rev. C. E. Chichester, R. E. Cooper, C. L. Stewart, and Elders Jno. Covant and J. O. Turnipseed.

Education—Rev. E. H. Buist, T. P. Hay, A. P. Nicholson, and Elders S. L. Adams and J. A. Enslow.

Theological Seminary—Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, C. S. Vedder, G. A. Trenholm, and Elders H. F. Means and A. B. Towers.

Finance—Elders W. G. Vardell, C. E. Fleming and W. H. Stuart.

Minutes of Assembly—Rev. W. W. Mills, J. R. Dow, R. A. Fair, and Elders A. M. Kennedy, Thos. Stenhouse.

Leave of Absence—Rev. J. H. Saye, S. H. Hav, W. C. Smith, and Elders S. D. Glenn and L. M. Speers.

Presbyterial Records—

Bethel—Rev. J. D. A. Brown and Elder W. J. Durant.

Charleston—Rev. A. A. James and Elder W. C. Sherard.

Enoree—Rev. H. G. Gilland and Elder A. S. Douglas.

Harmony—Rev. T. C. Ligon and Elder W. W. Walkup.

South Carolina—Rev. F. L. Leeper and Elder D. R. Anderson.

Communications were received from Rev. Jno. McLees, rendering excuse for himself and the elders of Rock Church for absence; which were referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The Stated Clerk reported a set of Standing Rules for the Synod, which were considered *seriatim*, amended, and adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion it was:

Resolved, 1st. That in adopting these rules the Synod hereby repeals any rules formerly adopted that may not accord with these.

2nd. That the Stated Clerk be directed to publish the Standing Rules now adopted in an Appendix to the Minutes.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Girardeau, Rev. Wm. Martin, of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to sit, and was introduced to the Synod, as a visiting member.

On motion of Rev. R. H. Ried, it was made the third special order for to-day to hear Prof. J. R. Blake in the interests of Davidson College.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wilson, it was made the order for half past twelve to-day to hear reports concerning the Theological Seminary.

The several Presbyteries (excepting Harmony) presented Narratives, which were referred to the Committee on the Narrative, and also the following:

Statistical Reports:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it is composed of 24 ministers and 36 churches. It has dismissed Rev. D. P. Robinson to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, Synod of North Carolina. Rev. J. E. White having renounced its authority by connecting himself with another denomination, his name has been erased from the roll and all authority conferred by Bethel Presbytery upon him as a minister of the Gospel, is withdrawn. Presbytery has ordained licentiate W. T. Matthews and installed him pastor of Olivet Church. One new house of worship has been erected and a church, named Clover, organized with more than eighty members. Presbytery has two licentiates and two candidates under its care.

D. HARRISON, Stated Clerk.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it comprises 17 ministers and 22 churches, and has under its care two candidates. Since the last meeting of Synod it has organized two new churches, one called Langley, the other, Port Royal; and it has reorganized Ebenezer Church in Charleston. It has installed Rev. S. H. Hay pastor, of New Wappetau Church, McClellanville, Rev. Ferdinand Jacobs, D. D., pastor of the James Island Church, and Rev. J. D. A. Brown, pastor of Orangeburg Church. It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., and the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, and between the Rev. J. E. Fogartie and the Edisto Island Church, and it

has granted leave to Mr. Fogartie to labor out of our bounds for the ensuing six months. We have one Evangelist at work in our field, and all our churches, with three exceptions, are supplied with the stated means of grace. The three congregations excepted are occasionally furnished with the ministrations of the gospel. The church building at Barnwell C. H., which has for years been in a dilapidated condition, is now undergoing repairs.—We mention with gratitude to the Head of the Church, that we have lost no ministers by death during the past twelve months.

JOHN R. DOW, Stated Clerk.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it now consists of fourteen ministers, and has under its care one licentiate, two candidates and thirty-one churches. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Liberty Springs Church and Rev. H. C. Fennel, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of South Carolina. It has ordained Licentiate C. L. Stewart, and installed him pastor of New Harmony and Piedmont Churches.

WM. P. JACOBS, Stated Clerk.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it is composed of 26 ministers and 41 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and six candidates. Rev. A. M. Hassell has been dismissed to Augusta Presbytery, and Rev. Roderick Henderson to East Hanover Presbytery. Licentiate A. M. Fraser has been dismissed to Lexington Presbytery. Licentiate A. M. Sale has been received from Athens Presbytery, ordained and installed pastor of Camden church. The pastoral relation between Rev. A. M. Hassell and the Fairhope, Lynchburg, and Beulah Churches, that between Rev. J. A. Cousar and the Red Bluff and Carolina Churches, that between Rev. J. E. Dunlop and the Marion Church, and that between Rev. D. S. McAllister and the Bennettsville church, have been dissolved.—Two new churches have been organized, viz: Mayesville and Wedgefield. Rev. J. A. Cousar has been installed pastor of Mayesville church, Rev. R. D. Perry of New Harmony for one-fourth his time, Rev. J. G. Richards of Beaver Creek for one half his time, and Rev. C. E. Chichester, of Florence Church. The name of the Sumterville Church has been changed to Sumter.

W. A. GREGG, Stated Clerk.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it is composed of twenty-one ministers and forty churches, and has under its care three licentiates and three candidates for the ministry. Since the last report, it has lost Rev. William Carlile by death. Rev. H. C. Fennel has been received by certificate from Enoree Presbytery, and has been installed pastor of Rocky River church. It has installed Rev. J. L. Brownlee pastor of Midway and Williamston Churches. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. H. McLees and Carmel Church. It has changed the name of George's Creek Church to Mt. Pleasant. Three church buildings have been erected, and two more are approaching completion in the bounds of the Presbytery.

S. L. MORRIS, Stated Clerk.

On motion, a committee was appointed to bring in a minute in reference to Rev. Wm. Carlile, deceased, consisting of Rev. D. E. Frierson, Rev. T. C. Ligon, and Elder J. C. Boggs.

The second special order was called, and Synod proceeded to hold a conference upon the state of religion in its bounds and the work of the Presbyteries.

Rev. G. T. Goetchius, Synod of Ga., was, on motion of Rev. Dr. Mack, invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau, of Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported recommending that Synod hold devotional exercises for the last fifteen minutes of each morning session. Adopted.

Prof. J. R. Blake, of Davidson College, addressed Synod in the interests of that institution. At the conclusion of the address, Rev. Dr. Jacobs presented the following resolutions, which, after further remarks by Rev. Drs. Jacobs and Howe, were adopted:

Resolved 1st. That this Synod has listened with interest and pleasure to the highly gratifying and encouraging address of Prof. Blake in regard to the condition and prospects of Davidson College.

2nd. That this Synod has perfect confidence in Davidson College as a school in which thorough education may be obtained, and where wholesome moral influences are constantly and systematically exerted; and as such a school, we commend it to the patronage of all who have sons or wards to educate.

Rev. Dr. Axson, Synod of Ga., was, on motion of Dr. Girardeau, invited to a seat as a corresponding member.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wilson, Synod took recess for five minutes.

After recess Synod took up the special order for 12½ o'clock, and heard the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, followed by explanatory remarks by Rev. Dr. Mack, the Clerk of the Board.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau reported in behalf of the Committee on devotional exercises, recommending that Synod hold a business meeting this evening, beginning at 7½ o'clock, and that, at the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer preach in this house Sabbath morning.

After devotional exercises the Synod took recess till 7½ p. m.

Synod reassembled at 7½ p. m.

On motion, the following brethren were invited to sit as corresponding members:—

Rev. Drs. D. L. Buttolph, D. Fraser and W. E. Boggs and James Woodrow, Synod of Ga.; Rev. Wm. McDonald and Dr. E. H. Harding, Synod of No. Ca.; and Rev. Dr. H. M. Smith, Synod of Miss., and Rev. Jas. Boyce, D. D., of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South.

Rev. L. M. Little, M. E. Church, South, was invited to sit as a visiting member.

The following additional members appeared, and, having rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness, were enrolled:

Ministers B. G. Clifford and J. R. Riley, and Elders Hugh Wilson, of Mayesville Church, Harmony Presbytery, and C. L. Hollingsworth, of New Pickens Church, South Carolina Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Adger, whose excuse for tardiness was sustained last night, also appeared and was enrolled.

Excuses for absence were received from Rev. Edward Palmer, J. B. Dunwoody and W. F. Junkin, which were read and referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence. The same Committee was, on motion, further instructed to address letters, in the name of the Synod, to the venerable brethren, Edward Palmer, S. L. Watson, and Jno. McLees, expressive of our sympathy for them in their infirmities.

A communication from the Presbyterian Historical Society was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had not published the Report on the Nature and Functions of the Diaconate, because, the discussion of the matter of the report not being ended, he had been advised by the author of it to wait. This action was approved. The Stated Clerk presented the following

Report of the Treasurer for the year 1881.

Thos. H. Law, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of South Carolina.

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To Assessment	Enoree Presbytery, paid,	\$30 00
"	" Bethel	" "	40 00
"	" Harmony	" "	40 00
"	" So. Ca.	" "	35 00
"	" Charleston	" 1879, "	30 00
"	" " "	" 1880, "	30 00

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By am't paid Rev. Dr. Mack, Exp'n's to Gen. As.,	\$11 65
" Balance paid Treasurer due from last year,	37 50
" Net expense Printing and Distributing 1500 copies Min., 41 50	
" Expenses on Record Book from Gen. Ass'y,	80
" Stated Clerk's Salary, paid,	100 00
" Balance in hands of Treasurer,	13 55
	\$205 00

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

The resolutions on the Diaconate, docketed by the last meeting for consideration at this, were called up. Pending the discussion of a motion to adopt, on motion of Rev. J. R. Dow, the further consideration of this matter was postponed until the next meeting of Synod.

The Reports of the President and Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers, etc., was presented, and on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. R. O. Mickle, Rev. J. R. Riley, and Elder D. T. Copeland.

Mr. Robert H. Wardlaw tendered his resignation as Secretary of this Society, which matter was referred to the same Committee.

The place and time of the next meeting of Synod was taken up, and Abbeville was chosen as the place, and Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 7½ p. m. as the time.

It was reported officially to Synod that the Rev. H. B. S. Garriss, had this day been received into Harmony Presbytery, and he was accordingly enrolled.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was authorized to purchase a new Record Book when necessary.

On motion, Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, being led in prayer by Rev. Dr. Jacobs, special prayer being offered for our venerable fathers, Edward Palmer, S. L. Watson, and Jno. McLees.

FRIDAY, November 4th, 9½ a. m.

Synod was called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer by Rev. J. R. Dow. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. F. L. Leeper presented, in behalf of the Committee on Home Missions, a report, which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Home Missions would report to Synod that an examination of the last report of the Assembly's Committee reveals the fact that the churches in this old and established Synod have fallen lamentably short of doing anything like their duty to this important branch of the work of the church. The actual contributions of the Synod to this work beyond its own field for the year ending April last, amounted only to \$578, and the entire amount contributed both for her own work and for the aid of the newer, and therefore weaker, parts of the church, as reported by the Assembly's Committee, was only \$2,458, or about twenty cents per member. These contributions were as follows:

For Sustentation—Bethel Presbytery gave \$345.80; received back from the Committee, \$162.50; leaving in the treasury for the weaker Presbyteries, \$183. Charleston Presbytery, \$71.43. This Presbytery received nothing back from the Assembly's Committee. Enoree Presbytery gave \$122.15; received back, \$100; leaving for weaker Presbyteries, \$22.15. Harmony Presbytery gave \$346.46; received back, \$450. It received \$103.54 more than it gave. South Carolina Presbytery gave \$47.36. It received back nothing.

Evangelistic Fund—Bethel Presbytery gave \$301.45; received back from Assembly's Committee nothing. Charleston Presbytery gave \$16.10; received back nothing. Enoree Presbytery gave \$110.90; received back \$66.66, leaving in the treasury of the Central Committee \$54.24. Harmony Presbytery gave \$183; received back nothing. South Carolina Presbytery gave \$79.94; received back from the Central Committee 151.11; received \$71.17 more than it gave.

Invalid Fund—Bethel Presbytery gave 200.93; received back 170, leaving in the Treasury of the Central Committee 30.93. Charleston Presbytery gave 161.07; received back nothing. Enoree Presbytery gave 95.48; received back 50.00, leaving in the Treasury of the Central Committee 45.48. Harmony Presbytery gave 205.47; received back 490. Received in excess of its gifts, 248.53. South Carolina Presbytery gave 170.09; received from the Central Committee 240. Received in excess of its gifts 69.91.—This Synod being one of the older Synods, ought, in order to bear her part in the work of the church, to be giving to all these causes largely in excess of what she receives from the Committee. If this be not done, the power of the church to push its missionary operation into the new fields of the West must be destroyed. We would not however be understood as favoring a reduction of expenditures in our own bounds, for we are fully aware that in none of the Presbyteries of this Synod is there anything like the amount of Mission work done that ought to be, and must be done, if we are to hold our own with our sister denominations. We recommend that the Synod adopt the following resolutions:

1. That our Presbyteries be urged to give more earnest attention to the work of Missions in their own bounds. That they be urged to take more diligent oversight of their vacant churches, and provide for them such preaching and pastoral care as may be possible.
2. That the Presbyteries be urged to make every possible exertion to increase largely our contributions to these causes, so that a much larger amount may be left in the hands of the Assembly's Committee for the aid of weaker parts of our church.
3. That hereafter the Presbyteries be required to report to Synod all facts relating to this department of church work, and all amounts raised and expended in their bounds.

Rev. J. W. Flinn, Synod of Miss., was, on motion of Rev. J. G. Hall, invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. R. H. Nall reported, and the Synod adopted, the following:

Narrative.

The Presbyterian Narratives present a most hopeful outlook. Ministerial fidelity and zeal have been rewarded by a lively appreciation of their services on the part of the people, by an increased attendance on the ordinances of the sanctuary, and by an enlargement of their spheres of labor. In some sections a new impetus has been given to the Sunday School work; the old and young have come together for the study of God's Word. Destitute localities have asked for, and have gratefully welcomed, the Gospel of Christ as proclaimed by our ministry. Times of gracious refreshing have been granted to some of our churches, and encouraging accessions have been made to their membership. Others have enjoyed a healthy growth.

We rejoice in the faithfulness of God, and in the efficacy of the means of grace, as seen in the reported conversions of sinners, and in the edification and comfort of His people.

Little is said in regard to Christian beneficence. Liberal contributions have been made to the Theological Seminary, and by a few churches, to the cause of Foreign Missions. But it is feared, that on the part of many, there is not that full and hearty consecration of their substance unto the Lord, which He requires, and which the Church so greatly needs.

The lamentation is heard that in too many cases the family altar is neglected, and that the fires of devotion burn low.

The exercise of wholesome discipline is found in but few churches, though needed in many.

One Presbytery reports that the observance of the Sabbath is becoming more strict and general.

Intemperance and other forms of sin call for a higher consecration and more zealous efforts on the part of the church, that the people may be redeemed from all iniquity.

In a few localities special efforts are made in behalf of the colored people, which are not without success.

In fine, we report that during the year our churches have been blessed, and the work of the Lord, as committed to our hands, has been prospered; that the field is enlarging and invites diligent cultivation, and that our great need is a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost. "Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south, blow upon the garden of the Lord, that the spices thereof may flow out."

Rev. C. E. Chichester, for the Committee on Publication, presented a report as follows:

The Committee have considered the matter referred to them, and would respectfully offer the following recommendations:

1. That Synod urges upon the churches the importance of the cause of Publication, and requests pastors and sessions to see that an opportunity is afforded the people to contribute of their substance to its support.

2. That Synod endorses the *Earnest Worker* and *Children's Friend* and other Sabbath School publications of the Committee, and recommends their use in our Sabbath Schools.

3. That Synod recognizes the important work now being accomplished by the Presbyterian Historical Society of Philadelphia, and hereby appoints the Stated Clerk of Synod a committee of one to procure and forward to that Society such historical and other publications as may be worthy of preservation for future reference.

The first two resolutions were adopted, but the consideration of the third was postponed until the next meeting of Synod.

Elder Jas. E. Davis of Manning Church, Harmony Presbytery, appeared, rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness, and was enrolled.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented a report which was adopted as follows:

The Committee have examined the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary with as much care as the limited time allowed them would admit, and they find much in the report to encourage the hope that the Seminary will ere long be placed on a footing of permanent prosperity. In view of these encouraging statements, the Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. The Synod having last fall, by an almost unanimous vote, asked for the restoration of the control of the Seminary, and the Assembly having granted the request, the Synod hereby assumes its share of the ownership and direction of the same.

2. The Synod approves the changes in the constitution suggested by the Board of Directors.

3. The Synod, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, now appoints six Directors, viz: to serve for one year—Rev. W. J. McKay and Hon. Jas. Hemphill; for two years Rev. J. B. Mack and Judge T. B. Fraser; for three years Rev. T. H. Law and W. A. Clark, Esq.

4. The Synod of South Georgia and Florida, being formed out of the Synod of Georgia, if they wish to have a part in the control of the Seminary, this Synod assents to it, and the Stated Clerk is instructed to notify that Synod of the fact.

5. The Synod acquiesces in the action of the Board of Directors in not re-opening the Seminary this fall for the reasons assigned, though regretting the causes which seemed to make it necessary.

6. The Synod approves of the election by the Board of Dr. T. D. Witherpoon, as Professor of Church History and Government, and of Professor C. R. Hemphill, as Associate-Professor of Biblical Literature.

7. That the report of the Board of Directors be printed in the appendix of the minutes of the Synod.

8. That the Synod approves of the efforts of the Board to raise the endowment of each professorship to \$40,000; and commends their financial action to all the churches under its care.

Rev. W. A. Clarke, M. E. Church, South, was invited to sit as a visiting member, and Rev. D. I. Craig, Synod of No. Ca., as a corresponding member.

Rev. A. A. James reported for the Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery, recommending their approval. Adopted.

Rev. Dr. Frierson presented the following minute in regard to Rev. Wm. Carlile, which was adopted:

WILLIAM CARLILE died at the residence of his son-in-law, H. B. Fant of Anderson, at one o'clock, Wednesday morning, March 23rd, 1881. He was born in Abbeville County, May 19th, 1797, of Scotch-Irish parents, who had emigrated from Pennsylvania. Had he lived until the nineteenth of May, two months longer, he would have been eighty-four years of age. He studied divinity under Rev. David Humphreys of Anderson, and was licensed by the Presbytery of So. Ca., on the seventeenth of March, 1829. His first ministry was at Varennes in Anderson County, where, we believe, he was ordained in the year 1831. He officiated also at Broadway for a considerable time; subsequently at several churches in Laurens County, at Fairview, Greenville County, and at Midway, Anderson County. His active ministry was interrupted by partial blindness more than twelve years ago, which regularly increased until his death, being at times almost totally blind. On April 12th, 1831, he married Margaret Saddler, who still survives him. The end of our venerable father was peace. His blindness had been borne with great cheerfulness. He had treasured up a great amount of Scripture in his memory, which he could repeat at anytime. He anticipated death with perfect calmness, never having wavered in his confidence in the great salvation. When it was remarked to him that death was nothing, the soul was only passing under a shadow, he coolly replied, "*Emigravit.*" Very shortly before he expired, he clasped his hands as a signal to his friends, and with an effort, articulated the word "firm;" then, with another effort, but with more loudness, "as a rock," and in a few moments breathed his last breath. He was naturally buoyant, cheerful, spirited, genial, social, cordial; immovable in his religious convictions, yet most remote from a bigoted fixture of opinion. His preaching was ardent, direct, pointed, rising at times to great heights of animation, fearless and faithful in his applications, yet without acrimony or bitterness. Many an effective and timely sermon has fallen from his lips in private houses, in remote communities, where his friends had invited him to officiate. He thus accomplished a large amount of missionary labor in his earlier ministry, of which there is no record but that above. Such labor he always rendered cheerfully, without any remuneration. Very often in later years, the sightless and hoary headed man of God has stood before our congregations and presented the gospel with fervor and power. Though long detained from our Presbyterial and Synodical meetings, he never lost sight of them, or lost interest in them, always inquiring of his friends, and having the papers read to him. Another veteran is gone! Who will fill the vacancy? Let us be admonished that the time is short, and let us labor in God's vineyard with renewed fervor.

Rev. Dr. N. McKay, Synod of No. Ca., was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wilson, Synod resolved to hear to-day at twelve o'clock Rev. Jno. G. Hall, of the Matamoras Mission, in regard to that mission.

Rev. W. W. Mills, reported on the Minutes of the General Assembly, which report was amended and adopted as follows:

The Committee have examined the Minutes of the General Assembly, and deem it necessary to call the attention of Synod to the following points only:

1. That the colored churches which are within the bounds of Synod, should be formed into Presbyteries, if the way should seem clear (See Minutes, page 372.)

2. That the Assembly expressed the opinion respecting appointments to the next General Presbyterian Council, that the appointments should be distributed, and that nominations from the Synods should be invited. (See minutes page 389.)

On motion of Dr. Mack the nomination of delegates to the Third General Presbyterian Council was docketed for the next Synod.

Rev. R. A. Mickle made a report for the Committee on the Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superannuated Ministers, which was adopted as follows:

The committee report that they have examined the report of L. W. White, Treasurer of this Society, and find that the choses and funds of said Society consist of \$190.96 in cash, and certain notes which were all reported to Synod in October, 1879, with the exception of a note on Thomas Thomson for \$189.28, dated the twenty-eighth of June, 1869, payable one day after date, with interest at 10 per ct. (credit, Oct. 15th, 1877, \$50.) This note was paid April 25th, 1881, as is seen by reference to the accompanying cash account. The Committee would recommend:

1. That, as some of the securities mentioned are worthless, the obligees being insolvent, and have been in this condition for years past, during the coming winter the Treasurer make an effort to collect the accumulated interest on such of the securities as are good.

2. That a President be appointed by Synod, and also a Vice-President, to supply the place of Hon. Thos. Thomson, President, deceased, and Jas. M. Baxter, Esq., Vice-President, also deceased.

3. That the resignation of Mr. R. H. Wardlaw, Secretary, be accepted, and that the thanks of Synod be returned to him for his long continued, faithful, and valuable services.

4. That Mr. R. L. McCaughrin be appointed President, Mr. L. W. Perrin, Vice-President, and Mr. Andrew B. Wardlaw, Secretary.

Rev. F. L. Leeper, of Committee on Records of South Carolina Presbytery, reported, recommending approval of said records. Adopted.

Rev. E. H. Buist, of Committee on Education, reported that no matter had come into their hands, and asked to be discharged. Granted.

Rev. T. C. Ligon, of Committee on Records of Harmony Presbytery, reported that the Records had not come into the hands of Committee and asked to be discharged. Granted.

Elder W. G. Vardell presented the following report of Committee on Finance, which was adopted:

The Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditures, with the accompanying vouchers, and find the same to be correct. The Committee recommend:

1. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to print and distribute fifteen hundred copies of the minutes of the present meeting.

2. That in order to raise the sum of \$200, needed for Synodical expenses, the following Presbyterial apportionment be made: Bethel, \$45; Charleston, \$35; Enoree, \$35; Harmony, \$45; South Carolina, \$40.

Rev. Jas. Beattie, Synod of Miss., was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and Rev. E. A. Bolles, of the Lutheran Church, as a visiting member.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau presented report of appointments for Sabbath, which was approved as follows:

Washington St. M. E. Church—G. A. Trenholm, 11 a. m.; R. H. Nall, 7½ p. m.

Marion St. M. E. Church—L. R. McCormick, 11 a. m.; F. L. Leeper, 4 p. m.

Baptist Church—G. R. Brackett, 11 a. m.

Lutheran Church—D. E. Frierson, 11 a. m.

Ladson Chapel—C. E. Chichester, 11 a. m.; L. H. Robinson, 7½ p. m.

Wesley M. E. Church—J. G. Law, 11 a. m.; J. Y. Fair, 4 p. m.; J. McDowell, 7½ p. m.

Lunatic Asylum—D. Harrison, 9½ a. m.

Penitentiary—W. C. Smith, 11 a. m.

Rev. H. B. Pratt presented report of Committee on Foreign Missions, which was adopted as follows:

It is cause for ceaseless thankfulness to God, that year by year the cause of Foreign Missions is advancing in the world, and the sphere of Christian influence is rapidly extending. Other missions, longer established than our own, are reaping larger harvests of souls gathered into the garner of Christian fellowship; but our own also are prospering under the favoring smile of God. There is every evidence that the Holy Spirit is attending these missionary labors with success, and in the judgment of our brethren, who are every way competent to form an opinion, a larger proportion (for the labor bestowed) of sound conversions "from sin unto holiness, and from the power of Satan to God," are effected in the foreign than in the home field; so that instead of repining at the failure of Missions, as some pretend to do, we have more cause to be concerned for the march of true religion at home than in missionary lands. But while we thus record our grateful appreciation of the progress of gospel truth in heathen and other unevangelized lands, it is important to guard against two errors which our people are perpetually committing. The first is that of supposing that the church is steadily growing in its appreciation of this work, and in the heartiness and liberality of its gifts to sustain it. Whatever may be true of others, that cannot be true of us. According to the facts set forth in a publication of the Rev. Dr. Thos. Smyth, made about forty years ago, entitled "Collections for Charitable and Religious Purposes, a part of the Service of God," it appears that the white membership of the Synod of South Carolina, or of South Carolina and Georgia, contributed, *per capita*, a larger amount of money, year by year, to the cause of Foreign Missions, forty years ago, than we do now, or have done for years past. Nor will it do to plead that we are poorer now than we were at that time; for that plea is set aside by the undeniable fact that, over and above all necessary expenditures, our people spend on dress, amusements, home and foreign travel, and on the numberless forms of comforts, conveniences, and elegancies (not to say the extravagancies) of life, far more money in the days of our alleged poverty, than they did in the days when our contributions to the work of disseminating the gospel were greater, per member, than they now are. This alarming fact can only be accounted for on the supposition of a diminished interest in the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. Secondly, it is a lamentable error to suppose, as many do, that the onward rush of the car of "modern progress" implies a corresponding advance of the gospel among the nations. The whole world is astir with modern ideas; while the mechanical and other arts, with manufactures, science, and commerce, are pressing their advancing columns into every nook and corner of the earth. Even pagan

and Mohammedan lands are waking up to the importance of popular education, and pressing it with the growing conviction that "Knowledge is power." It is a matter of concern, therefore, that Christian people should believe that *this* implies the rapid advance of Christ's Kingdom in the world, and quietly fold their arms under the pleasing but illusory impression that the cause of truth stands in need neither of their contributions nor their prayers, to carry it gloriously forward. As Greek culture and civilization rapidly overspread the ancient world, and owed little thanks to Greek religion; so it should not be forgotten by us that vital godliness, and even sound christian opinion, are among the least efficient factors in that ever rising tide of *modern ideas* that is oversweeping the world. Zeal for popular education at home, and on the continent of Europe, does not imply an increasing love of the Bible, and of Bible religion; and we are informed by those who have the best right to know, that infidel opinions are advancing far more rapidly in India and Japan, under the influence of the popular education promoted by the government schools and colleges, than is the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Your committee would therefore propose the adoption of the following recommendations:

1. That, ministers and people, we wake up to the importance of redoubling our efforts to promote the Kingdom of God throughout the world; and of justifying by our works our professed faith that this kingdom is our one great interest, if we hope in the day of Christ's Kingdom and glory, to be of his much grace "accounted worthy of the Kingdom of God, for the which also we suffer."

2. That, with the concurrence of the Committee of Arrangements of the Alumni Association of Columbia Seminary, a Foreign Missionary meeting be held in this church on Sabbath night, at 7 o'clock, to be presided over by Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, and to be addressed by him and by our two Foreign Missionary brethren, Rev. Jno. G. Hall, of the Matmoras Mission, who is with us, and Rev. H. C. DuBose, of the China Mission, who is expected to-day.

Rev. Dr. C. A. Stillman, Synod of Ala., was introduced and welcomed as a corresponding member.

Rev. Jno. G. Hall was heard in reference to the Matamorás Mission.

Rev. Dr. Jno. Jones, Synod of Ga., was invited to a seat as a corresponding member, and Rev. J. W. Dickson, M. E. Church, South, as a visiting member.

Rev. H. G. Gilland reported, recommending the approval of the Records of Enoree Presbytery. Adopted.

The Judicial Committee and that on Bills and Overtures were discharged at their request, no business having come before them.

On motion, Rev. Prof. J. R. Riley, of Adger College, was heard in reference to that institution.

Rev. J. G. Law, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod has listened with pleasure to the address of Rev. J. R. Riley, Chairman of the Faculty of Adger College, and commends the institution over which he presides to the favorable regards of its people.

The Narrative of Harmony Presbytery was presented and read. Also an excuse from Rev. W. A. Gregg for absence, which was referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly were allowed to amend their report by calling attention to the following answer to the overture sent up by this body, asking, whether in the deliverance adopted in 1880, which says "Nothing is law but that which is contained in the Word of God as interpreted by our standards," is to be understood as denying that good and necessary consequences from the law are of equal authority with the law:

"That all just and necessary consequences from the law of the church, are a part of the same, in the logical sense of being implicitly contained therein. The authority of this law is, however, twofold; it binds all those who profess to live under it as a covenant by which they are invited in one communion, so that there is no escape from its control except by renouncing its jurisdiction; and it binds because it has been accepted as a true expressoin of what is revealed in Holy Scripture as infallible truth. The consequences deduced from it cannot, therefore, be equal in authority with the law itself, unless they be necessarily contained in it as shown by their agreement also with the Divine word." (Minutes Assembly, page 390.)

Rev. J. D. A. Brown reported for the Committee on Records of Bethel Presbytery, recommending that they be approved. Adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Synod hereby returns its sincere thanks to the families of this community for the kind and generous hospitality extended to its members, and also to the railroad authorities who have granted reduced rates of fare to the members attending.

Rev. J. H. Saye, for Committee on Leave of Absence, reported Rev. Jno. McLees, W. A. Gregg, J. W. Queery, S. L. Watson, Edward Palmer, J. B. Dunwody, W. F. Junkin, excused for absence from this meeting. Also Rock Church for non-representation. Leave of Absence was granted Elder R. C. McFaddin.

The minutes of to-day were read and approved. A motion to adjourn being adopted, Synod spent a season in devotional exercises, led by Rev. Dr. Stillman, after the close of which, Synod adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Howe, to meet at Abbeville, Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 1882, 7½ p. m.

WILLIAM P. JACOBS,
THOMAS H. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

Moderator.

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STANDING RULES.

1. The Rules of Parliamentary Order shall be those adopted by the General Assembly in 1866, which are hereby adopted as such by the Synod.

2. The officers of the Synod, in addition to the Moderator, chosen as required by the Form of Government, (Ch. V. Sect. I., Art. III) shall be a Stated Clerk, to continue in office at the pleasure of the Synod, and one or more Assistant or Temporary Clerks, who shall be chosen at each regular meeting.

3. In the Election of Officers, the Moderator shall first invite nominations; after which the vote shall be taken *viva voce*, the nominees first voting and retiring. And a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. But in case there be only one nominee, the vote may be taken by acclamation.

4. It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Synod, and to have the same on hand at every regular meeting, together with a list of any officers, trustees, or committees, appointed by and subject to the Synod. He shall also prepare for the use of the Moderator at each meeting, a docket, containing all the matters, regular and special, to come up before the body. He shall further be *ex-officio* Treasurer of Synod, to collect, and disburse for such objects as the Synod may direct, the contingent fund of the Synod; of which he shall present a detailed report at each regular meeting. And in compensation for his services he shall be paid an annual salary of \$100.

5. The Moderator shall appoint at an early hour in the proceedings of each regular meeting, the following Standing Committees, to whom shall be severally referred without vote, unless there be objection stated, any documents, communications, or other matters, pertaining to the several subjects upon which they are appointed:

- (1.) On Devotional Exercises.
- (2.) " Bills and Overtures.
- (3.) " Judicial Business.
- (4.) " Foreign Missions.
- (5.) " Home Missions.
- (6.) " Education.
- (7.) " Publication.
- (8.) " The Narrative.
- (9.) " The Theological Seminary.
- (10.) " Finance.
- (11.) " The Minutes of the General Assembly.
- (12.) " Leave of Absence.
- (13.) " Presbyterian Records—a Committee for each Presbytery.

6. It shall be the duty of all Standing and Select Committees to report concisely and clearly in writing, bringing to the attention of Synod any matters requiring action, and reporting what action is recommended.

7. Members who report themselves after the organization of the body, shall render excuses for tardiness to the Synod before being enrolled. But all excuses for absence from the present or previous meetings shall be referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

8. It shall be the first special order of each regular meeting to hear the Narratives and Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries.

9. It shall be the second special order of each regular meeting to hold a conference upon the state of religion in the bounds of the Synod, and the work of the Presbyteries.

10. An annual assessment shall be laid upon the Presbyteries composing the Synod, to meet the necessary expenses of the body, which assessment for the current year shall be laid by the Synod at its annual meeting.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Associated Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, the "Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia" would make the following report, viz:

THE TRANSFER OF THE SEMINARY.

The General Assembly, in session at Staunton, Va., on the 25th of May, 1881, adopted the following preamble and resolutions: (See Minutes of General Assembly, pages 362 and 363.)

"WHEREAS, The General Assembly informed the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, of its readiness to restore the Seminary at Columbia, S. C., to their ownership and control, whenever they shall indicate their desire to receive it. And

WHEREAS, Each of the above mentioned Synods has indicated such desire by an almost unanimous vote. Therefore,

"Resolved, 1st. That this Assembly does hereby restore the ownership and control of the said Seminary at Columbia to the said Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama; the Seminary hereafter to sustain to the General Assembly the same relation as that now sustained by Union Theological Seminary, Virginia.

Resolved, 2d. That the present Directors and Professors of the Seminary at Columbia, S. C., continue in office until the three Synods above mentioned shall have assumed actual control of the Seminary."

This transfer necessitates some changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Seminary; and appreciating the fact that the Synods could give only a limited portion of their time to the consideration of this complicated subject, the Board appointed a committee to examine the Constitution and By-Laws, and suggest such changes as appear to be necessary. We hope that these changes will commend themselves to your judgment.

THE PROPERTY.

The property owned by the Seminary, and by this action of the Assembly placed under your control, consists

1ST, OF REAL ESTATE.—This is a square of ground in the city of Columbia, containing 4 acres, with the buildings thereon. These are two large, three-story brick buildings, with 24 rooms in each, used as dormitories for students; one large, three-story brick building, used for the Library and Recitation rooms; one small, brick building, used as a chapel, and one frame building used as a Mess Hall.

2D, OF A LIBRARY.—This contains 20,295 volumes, and comprises what are known as the "Old Library," the "Smyth Library," and the "Douglass Library."

3D, OF INVESTED FUNDS.—These are distributed as follows:

HOWE MEMORIAL PROFESSORSHIP.

Chester and Lenoir R. R. Bonds	\$ 5,000.00
South Carolina (Def.) Bonds	8,800.00
Tallapoosa County, (Ala.) Bonds	4,400.00
South Western (Ga.) R. R. Stock, 10 shares	1,000.00
Charleston City (4 per cent.) Bonds	5,000.00

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Bond and First Mortgage—S. H. Haskell	\$3,000.00
“ “ “ “ —A. A. Sims	1,100.00
“ “ “ “ —George Lever	500.00
“ “ “ “ —Columbia Church	1,096.76
“ “ “ “ —Sumterville “	1,000.00
Interest bearing Notes—Henry Moore	500.00
“ “ “ “ —Miss LaBorde	500.00
Sumter County (S. C.) Certificates	100.00

SECOND, OR GEORGIA PROFESSORSHIP.

Augusta City Bonds (L. D.)	9,750.00
Georgia R. R. and Banking Co.—32 shares	3,200.00
South Western (Ga.) R. R. Stock—50 shares	5,000.00
“ “ “ “ Scrip”	1,600.00
Interest bearing Note—C. A. Redd	100.00

THIRD PROFESSORSHIP.

Chester and Lenoir R. R. Bonds	5,000.00
Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta R. R. Bonds	4,500.00
Columbia City Bonds	12,000.00
“ “ Certificate	95.27
South Carolina Consols	5,442.24
South Carolina (Def.) Stock	1,547.09
F. and P. Bank (Baltimore)—33 shares	825.00
Interest bearing Note—Miss J. Adger	500.00
“ “ “ “ S. Adger	250.00

FOURTH PROFESSORSHIP.

South Carolina Consols	13,647.00
Savannah City Bonds	5,000.00
Mobile City Bonds	3,500.00
South Carolina (Def.) bonds	600.00
Bond and First Mortgage—C. Waring	2,500.00
“ “ “ “ —H. A. Meetze	1,500.00

PERKINS PROFESSORSHIP.

Mobile and Ohio R. R. Bonds	5,000.00
“ “ “ “ Debentures	5,000.00
Chester and Lenoir R. R. Bonds	5,000.00
Bond and First Mortgage—W. J. Duffie	3,000.00

CONTINGENT EXPENSES FUND.

St. Charles St. (N. O.) R. R. Stock—208 shares	10,400.00
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STUDENTS FUND.

F. and P. Bank (Baltimore)—100 shares	2,500.00
Lawson Williams' Notes (Little Rock, Ark.)	4,386.00
Atlantic and Gulf R. R. Bonds	2,500.00
Chester and Lenoir R. R. Bonds	5,000.00
Memphis City Bond	1,000.00
South Carolina Consols	3,000.00
South Carolina (Def.) Bond	1,000.00
South Western (Ga.) R. R. Stock—30 shares	3,000.00

SMYTH LIBRARY FUND.

Charleston City Bonds	4,900.00
“ “ Stock	10.00
South Carolina (Def.) Bonds	1,300.00

Besides these investments there are \$1,280.00 of South Western (Ga.) R. R. Scrip, as yet not distributed, over \$2,000.00 in private notes, and \$3,000.00 cash in the hands of the Treasurer.

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THE PROFESSORS.

In May, 1881, when the General Assembly transferred the ownership and control of the Seminary to the Synod, the First, or Howe Memorial Professorship—"Biblical Literature"—was filled by the Rev. George Howe, D.D., L.L.D.; the Second, or Georgia Professorship—"Pastoral, Casuistic and Historic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric"—was vacant; the Third Professorship—"Church Government and History"—was vacant; the Fourth Professorship—"Didactic and Polemic Theology"—was filled by the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D.D., L.L.D.; the Perkins Professorship—"Natural Sciences in connection with Revelation"—was filled by the Rev. J. Woodrow, D.D., Ph. D.

In May last the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D.D., L.L.D., was elected to fill the Second, or Georgia Professorship, but in June he declined to accept the position.

In July the Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, D.D., was elected to fill the Third Professorship, and the Rev. Professor C. R. Hemphill was elected "Associate Professor of Biblical Literature."

RE-ENDOWMENT.

In the fall of 1880 the effort to re-endow the Seminary began. At first only \$30,000.00 was desired for each Professorship, but soon it was evident that, if we were to have an institution worthy of our church, each Professorship should have an endowment of at least \$40,000.00. So on January 12th, 1881, the following paper was adopted by the Board, viz:

"WHEREAS, This Board, fully believing that the existence of Columbia Theological Seminary as a first class institution is essential to the well-being (if not the very being) of our Southern Presbyterian Church. And

WHEREAS, in order to make it such an institution, each Professorship should have an endowment of at least \$40,000.00, so that each Professor can receive a salary of at least \$2,500.00, and thus the Seminary receive his whole time and energies. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Board determines to enter upon the work of so increasing the endowment of this Seminary, as that each Professorship shall have the amounts above indicated."

The Rev. J. B. Mack, D.D., was elected Financial Agent for two years, in order to begin the work of thus increasing the endowment. He accepted the position, and is now engaged in this work with very encouraging success.

EFFORT TO RE-OPEN.

The Board earnestly desired to be able to re-open the Seminary in the fall of 1881. In May last they adopted the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, 1. That this Board, having ascertained by careful examination that the income from investments will, in the twelve months beginning October 1st, 1881, (unincumbered by debt, and exclusive of the Perkins Professorship Fund,) yield \$6,800.00, feels warranted in resuming the exercises of the Seminary on October 3d, 1881; provided a suitable additional Professor can be secured.

"*Resolved*, 2. That a Professor of 'Pastoral, &c., Theology,' be elected at the hour of half past nine A. M., to-morrow.

"*Resolved*, 3. That the salary of the Perkins Professor be fixed at whatever income that fund may yield, with the expectation that he continues to fill the cognate chair in a neighboring institution.

"*Resolved*, 4. That the salary of each of the other chairs be fixed at \$2,000 until the funds may warrant increase."

The Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., L.L.D., was elected as the "additional professor," but in June he declined to accept the position.

The Board then met on the 19th of July, and, after carefully considering the situation, unanimously adopted the following paper:

"1. The Board hereby records its profound regret at the conclusion to

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which Dr. Palmer has arrived in declining the professorship to which he was elected last May, but feels itself reluctantly shut up to acquiesce, at least for the present, in his conscientious views of the matter.

"2. Furthermore, the Board now finds that because of the delay inevitably occasioned by the steps taken to obtain Dr. Palmer's services for the Seminary, sufficient time is not now left to secure the needed addition to the Faculty in order to resume the exercises of the institution in October next. The Board, therefore, expresses its great reluctance at being compelled to keep the Seminary closed for another year.

"3. Encouraged by the extraordinary liberality of the friends of the institution, and firmly resolved to resume its exercise in 1882, the Board now sees its way clear to elect *two* additional professors, which step is judged to be the more necessary in order that the Associated Synods may have the opportunity for such action as may be deemed proper at their next regular meeting."

REASONS FOR NOT RE-OPENING.

The reasons for not re-opening the Seminary this fall are at least three—

1. The main reason, as stated above, was the uncertainty of being able to secure a "suitable additional professor" in time to give instruction during the coming year.

2. The certainty of having a very small number of students, as most of those who were thinking of coming to our Seminary made other arrangements when they heard of Dr. Palmer's declination. To open with a very small number of students was deemed a greater evil than for the Seminary to remain closed another year.

3. The financial outlook. We had only just enough income to pay the annual expenses, if everything continued favorable. But the unprecedented drouth of this year was then beginning to cast a gloom over the whole country; the President of the United States had just been fatally wounded and no one could foresee what effect his death would have upon the finances of this land; nearly \$1,700 of the debt due the Perkins Professor was still unpaid, and the Seminary buildings greatly needed many repairs.

We would close by stating that the Seminary is now free from debt, that we are making the needed repairs on the buildings, that steps have been taken to refit the furniture of the dormitories, and that steadily the work of preparing to re-open next fall is going on.

Respectfully submitted,

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JAMES HEMPHILL, Chairman.